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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Greene County Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Greene County Indiana, located at 4513 W State Road 54 Suite 111, Bloomfield, IN, 47424.

The funding would be used for the building of an Emergency Operations Center for construction of a new facility or addition and remodel of an existing building which will include expansion of the buildings footprint to accommodate full operations during an incident. The project will involve Greene County purchasing the building that formerly housed the Emergency Operations Center from the Town of Bloomfield. Once acquired, the facility will undergo a comprehensive renovation and expansion to transform it into the county's primary Emergency Operations Center and the central hub for countywide emergency management operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in this project is a responsible and valuable use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens Greene County's emergency preparedness and resilience. The current facilities are limited in space and capability, which can hinder effective coordination during major incidents. Renovating and expanding the existing building provides a cost-effective solution by repurposing an existing structure while creating a modern facility designed for current and future operational needs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mark Messmer
Member of Congress